

HOUSE BILL 2481

By Moore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 9; Title 6, Chapter 56; Title 7, Chapter 1 and Title 9, Chapter 4, to prohibit the use of state and local tax revenues for lobbying.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 9, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be designated as follows:

Section 5-9-408. County revenues from taxes levied by the legislative body of the county government or levied by the state and distributed to the various counties shall not be obligated or expended, directly or indirectly, for lobbying services provided by any agent, contractor, subcontractor or other representative of the county. This section shall not apply to any lobbying services provided by a county employee on behalf of a county government.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 56, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as follows:

Section 6-56-152. Municipal revenues from taxes levied by a municipality or levied by the state and from which taxes a municipality receives a portion shall not be obligated or expended, directly or indirectly, for lobbying services provided by any agent, contractor, subcontractor or other representative of the municipality. This section shall not apply to any lobbying services provided by a municipal employee on behalf of a municipality.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as follows:

Section 7-1-113. Revenues of a metropolitan government from taxes levied by the legislative body of the metropolitan government or levied by the state and distributed to a metropolitan government shall not be obligated or expended, directly or indirectly, for lobbying services provided by any agent, contractor, subcontractor or other representative of the metropolitan government. This section shall not apply to any lobbying services provided by a metropolitan government employee on behalf of a metropolitan government.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as follows:

Section 9-4-5117. Revenues of state government from taxes levied by the state shall not be obligated or expended, directly or indirectly, for lobbying services provided by any agent, contractor, subcontractor or other representative of the state. This section shall not apply to any lobbying services provided by any state employee on behalf of the state.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.